

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – December 5, 2021

Cider Mill School is a Community of Learners, ALL committed to being the best we can be.

Important Dates

Dec 16	BOE Meeting (7.00 PM)
Dec 23	Early Dismissal
Dec 24-31	Holiday Break
Jan 3	School resumes
Jan 6	BOE Meeting (7:00 PM)
Jan 7	Spirit Day
Jan 11	CM PTA Meeting (9:15 – 10:15 AM)
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Jr Day – NO SCHOOL
Jan 20	BOE Meeting (7:00 PM)

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

I hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and everyone is enjoying the holiday season. And Happy Hanukkah as well! While this year has proven to still be a bit different than most, the CM PTA is extremely thankful for your continued support and generosity.

A huge thank you to **Caroline Hoffman and our Cider Mill Hospitality Committee**, as they will be hosting our annual Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 8th, for our fabulous teachers, administrators, and staff. Given the current situation with Covid, we will be catering the event with boxed lunches and desserts from Le Pain Quotidien instead of our typical potluck-style meal.

For our amazing students, the PTA is working on arranging a small treat right before Winter Break. Hopefully we will have more information soon!

I would also like to thank all the families who came to our first ever Cider Mill Ice Skating Party! We hope all those who attended had a great time, and if there is interest in another one in early 2022, please let me know! And of course, a massive thank you to **Alexis Murphy, our Fundraising Chair**, for all her hard work and time spent making this fun family night happen!

Please mark your calendars for our next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, January 11th!**

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com.

Michelle Krupa
CM PTA President

School News

HOT CIDER - REFLECTIONS

It's the most wonderful time of the year... the time to cozy up and create meaningful artwork! **The 2021-2022 PTA Reflections Contest is underway!** This year the PTA challenges students to imagine how they can impact our larger environment through the following theme: **"I Will Change the World By..."**

What are your child's artistic talents and passions? There are so many arts categories to choose from: * Dance Choreography * Film Production * Literature * Music Composition * *Photography * Visual Arts * Special Artist *

Click here for general program rules:

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The deadline for finished work will be **10 pm, Sunday, January 9th, 2022**. Get working now and submit early if you can!

Submissions will be electronic again this year- through DropBox. Create an account at DropBox.com if you don't already have one. **Email all entries via DropBox to: reflectionscidermill@gmail.com. CONFIRM all entries with the same email address!**

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Anastasia Valassis: reflectionscidermill@gmail.com**. Our PTA webpage is forthcoming!

Wilton Special Education PTA

We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts, and grants program and more! **Please access our membership through our website. www.wiltonsepta.org**. Contact us directly at wiltonsepta@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved and like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

We need help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

RULER WEBINAR

RULER: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, & Regulating Emotions

Webinar Recording Now Available!

Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

In this webinar Wilton Public Schools staff educate parents about RULER, a program of evidence-based tools and social-emotional learning practices from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Teachers across the district have been trained in these practices and RULER tools are already being used with students in grades K-5 to help students recognize and regulate emotions. Implementation at the secondary level is in progress.

What is RULER?

RULER is an evidenced based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that supports the entire school community in:

- Understanding the value of emotions
- Building the skills of emotional intelligence
- Creating and maintaining a positive school climate

In this webinar, you will learn about the four core tools and how we can implement these tools at home:

- Building a family charter
- Mood Meter - emotion vocabulary
- Meta Moment for emotion regulation
- Blueprint for problem solving

Who are the presenters?

- Elena White, Miller-Driscoll School Counselor

- Jennifer Ringelheim, Cider Mill 3rd Grade Teacher, Co-Chair District SEL Committee

Find the recording, slides, and links to associated materials at Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

SPIRIT WEAR

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, Walkathon, field days and more. Get one before they sell out.

Please remember to include your child's name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

Watch out for a one-day pop up sale coming soon. We will have Cider Mill sweaters and other items for pre purchase.

BoxTops for Education

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

3 easy steps to get started

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Online shopping or Curbside Pick up? Just forward your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are sending out a HUGE plea to all family members interested in becoming a recess/lunch monitor. The hours are 10:30-1:30daily. We would greatly appreciate the support as we are currently 4 monitors short to start the year. If you have interest or questions, please email Jeremy Cross at crossj@wiltonps.org.

Community News

Community Conversation about the 2022-2023 Board of Education Budget

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Wilton High School Library Learning Commons

All interested members of the Wilton community are invited to attend and participate in a community conversation about the education budget. Members of the community will have the opportunity to meet in small groups with the **Board of Education** members and administrators to share their thoughts and ideas about current budget priorities, and recommendations for moving forward. The evening will be an opportunity for Wilton residents to become engaged at the very beginning of the budget process.

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. Get all the details at www.wiltonyouth.org and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

NAMI-CAN WILTON

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-Covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional, and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. Our meetings are a place to speak freely and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently.

Our meetings are held virtually over zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. For more information contact: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Submit News to Hot Cider

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